

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for analysis version control in a supply chain management framework,  
2 comprising:  
3 a) maintaining a plurality of separate versions of an analysis in a database;  
4 b) receiving a request for an additional version of the analysis utilizing a graphical  
5 user interface;  
6 c) generating the additional version of the analysis in response to the request; and  
7 d) allowing a plurality of parameters of the additional version to be changed utilizing  
8 the graphical user interface, wherein the parameters are selected from the group  
9 consisting of a maximum number of supplier sources, a pricing method, and an  
10 invoice adjustment.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the additional version of the analysis is named in  
2 accordance with a variance associated with the additional version.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the request includes the selection of an icon on  
2 the graphical user interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the analysis is a least cost analysis.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is received utilizing a network.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the parameters of the additional version are  
2 capable of being changed utilizing a plurality of fields on the graphical user  
3 interface.

1 7. A system for analysis version control in a supply chain management framework,  
 2 comprising:  
 3 a) logic for maintaining a plurality of separate versions of an analysis in a database;  
 4 b) logic for receiving a request for an additional version of the analysis utilizing a  
 5 graphical user interface;  
 6 c) logic for generating the additional version of the analysis in response to the  
 7 request; and  
 8 d) logic for allowing a plurality of parameters of the additional version to be  
 9 changed utilizing the graphical user interface, wherein the parameters are selected  
 10 from the group consisting of a maximum number of supplier sources, a pricing  
 11 system, and an invoice adjustment.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the additional version of the analysis is named in  
 2 accordance with a variance associated with the additional version.

1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the request includes the selection of an icon on  
 2 the graphical user interface.

1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the analysis is a least cost analysis.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the request is received utilizing a network.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the parameters of the additional version are  
 2 capable of being changed utilizing a plurality of fields on the graphical user  
 3 interface.

1 13. A computer program product for analysis version control in a supply chain  
 2 management framework, comprising:  
 3 a) computer code for maintaining a plurality of separate versions of an analysis in a  
 4 database;

- 5    b)    computer code for receiving a request for an additional version of the analysis
- 6        utilizing a graphical user interface;
- 7    c)    computer code for generating the additional version of the analysis in response to
- 8        the request; and
- 9    d)    computer code for allowing a plurality of parameters of the additional version to
- 10       be changed utilizing the graphical user interface, wherein the parameters are
- 11       selected from the group consisting of a maximum number of supplier sources, a
- 12       pricing computer program product, and an invoice adjustment.

1    14.    The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the additional version of the  
2       analysis is named in accordance with a variance associated with the additional  
3       version.

1    15.    The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the request includes the  
2       selection of an icon on the graphical user interface.

1    16.    The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the analysis is a least cost  
2       analysis.

1    17.    The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the request is received  
2       utilizing a network.

1    18.    The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the parameters of the  
2       additional version are capable of being changed utilizing a plurality of fields on  
3       the graphical user interface.